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Free Jab at Private Hospitals

Govt. vaccination kiosks setup at 29 Private Hospitals

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (SSV)- From tomorrow, get free COVID-19 vaccination at Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes too, thanks to an understanding between the District Administration and MAHAN (Mysore Association of Hospitals And Nursing Homes) to vaccinate at least three lakh people within 15 days.

As many as 29 MAHAN Group Hospitals have come forward to vaccinate people for free, at their facility between 10 am and 5 pm, Dr. P. Ravi, Family Planning Officer and In-Charge of COVID-19 Vaccination in Private Hospitals, told *Star of Mysore.*

However, he clarified that the ongoing vaccination at Private Hospitals with a fee of Rs. 250 per dose, fixed by the Government of India, too will continue.

Vaccine will be given free of cost at the special counters to be set up by the District Administration within the premises of Private Hospitals.

For each private facility, a Nodal Officer has been appointed to help in procurement of vaccine from the Government Vaccine Depot. While the vaccinator will be from the Private Hospital side, the Data Entry Operator will be from the Government side.

Around 1.5 lakh doses of Covishield arrived in city this morning and it will be distributed to MAHAN Hospitals by evening.

(See FREE JAB on page 7)

Raja Marga turns... Plastic Marga

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (LNY&BCT)- The strict plastic ban enforcement by the Mysuru District Administration notwithstanding, the 'Raja Marga' in the city centre often turns 'Plastic Marga' with traders on both sides of the road dumping loads of plastic waste by the side of the road adjacent to the ornamental balustrades.

The ritual of dumping plastic waste on the 'Raja Marga' is not new but a daily occurrence and the issue has come to the fore only now as everyone is speaking about the ban on plastic and how the District Administration and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is implementing the ban.

(See RAJA MARGA on page 6)

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  Anikethana Road, Kuvempunagar
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  Bannur Road, Siddartha Layout
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  2nd Main Road, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage
- **Columbia Asia Hospital**
  Bengaluru-Mysuru Ring Road Junction, Bannimantap
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  Temple Road, Vontikoppal
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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 6th April 2021

Wins medals in State-level Swimming Competition

Mysuru, Apr. 6 - S. Thanya, representing Dolphin Aquatics, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru, in the Karnataka State Sub-Junior Swimming Competition 2020-21 held at Padukone Dravid Centre of Sports Excellence in Bengaluru on Mar. 29, has secured two gold medals and one silver medal in 4x50 Medley Relay (2.22.92), 4x50 Freestyle Relay (2.08.33) and 100 mtrs Breast Stroke (1.29.10) respectively.

Thanya, a 6th std. student of Sri Sharada Public School, Mysuru, is the daughter of S.P. Shadakshari and N. Shwetha.

S. Thanya

She is trained at J.P. Nagar Swimming Pool by Pavan Kumar of Dolphin Aquatics.

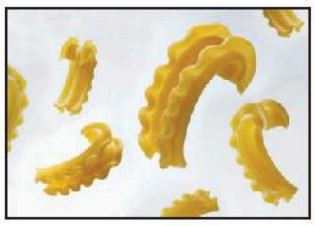
Thanya with her relay team mates — Rianna Dhrithi Fernandes, Sanjana Naveen and Suhasini Ghosh — and coach Pavan Kumar.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

On 4th March 2021, NASA achieved a remarkable landmark in planetary exploration by soft-landing its rover named Perseverance on the Martian surface, marking the beginning of a new era of understanding the planet that had a lot of similarity with Earth billions of years ago. Mars was closest to Earth in March 2021. Such an opportunity comes once in two years. Making use of this, not only the US but also UAE and China had embarked on their Mars missions. The UAE launched a spacecraft named HOPE intended for making remote observation of the Martian atmosphere and weather patterns. China's Tianwen 1 mission is a combined orbiter, lander and rover for Mars exploration. For the moment, India has to be satisfied with robotic exploration of this nearest neighbour of the Earth that could be adopted to support life. India had made a small beginning by sending its Mars orbiter mission in 2017. Though it was an abridged configuration, it demonstrated our capability to travel nearly 40 million km and reach Martian orbit. It has also taken some close pictures of the red planet and provided some data on trace gases. We demonstrated our capability to have an orbiter, lander and rover mission through our Chandrayaan-2 mission. Though there was a small slip between the cup and the lip, we demonstrated most of the technologies required for exploration of Mars. What is needed is to conceive unique experimental objectives and plan a mission to Mars, an opportunity for which may come about two years from now. — *Madhavan Nair in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cascatelli – The new comma-shaped pasta



New York: Inspired by the firm belief that spaghetti is far from the ideal shape for pasta, a man set out to create a perfectly shaped pasta. The result of his hard work is now known as cascatelli, resembling an oversized comma.

The story of how cascatelli came to be began in 2018, when Dan Pashman, the host of the James Beard and Webby Award-winning "Sporkful" podcast, made some harsh remarks about spaghetti, on the stage of the Caveat Theater, in front of a live audience.

His comments got a lot of attention and inspired him to dedicate a lot of his time to researching pasta shapes in a quest to create the ideal pasta design, which needed to have an appealing texture, have the perfect bite, and, most importantly, hold the right amount of sauce. Believe it or not, he spent almost three years on this project.

The forgotten beauty trend of 1920s

London: Knee makeup isn't really a thing, but a century ago it was the hottest trend in the beauty industry. It started out as knee rouging and eventually turned into full-on knee painting.

Fashion has always been a reflection of the spirit of the times, and the knee makeup and painting of the 1920s was no exception. The "flappers" were wearing skirts shorter than ever before (hemlines just under the knee were the '20s version of a miniskirt), they were rolling down their stocking bellow the knee or giving up on them altogether, and knee rouging became just another way to attract attention to an area of the female body that had never been as visible before. Women of the generation had a number of blush formulas to choose including cream, powder and liquid formulas, which they used for an added "look at me" effect.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Focus on your posture while using hand –held devices.

Text neck is an ailment which is caused by the neck being flexed for a long period of time. Prevention steps include: stretching, taking breaks frequently, holding your phone higher and sitting square to work on your screen.

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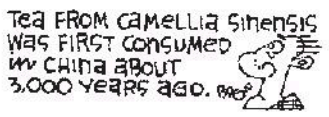


Green tea comes from the Camellia Sinensis leaf and leaf bud, which grow from an evergreen shrub. It is native to China. Other teas produced from the Camellia Sinensis leaf include: Black Tea, White Tea, Matcha Tea, Pu-erh Tea and Oolong Tea. True Tea comes only from Camellia Sinensis leaves.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.4	APR.5
Day's Positive Cases	260	165
Total Positive Cases	56,524	56,689
Day's Discharges	97	30
Total Discharges	54,428	54,458
Day's Deaths	0	3
Total Deaths	1,061	1,064
Total Active Cases	1,035	1,167

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Apr. 6- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Management to **R. Ramya** for her thesis 'Financial literacy and its impact on savings and pensions planning' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Manasa Nagabhushanam.

P. Kavya has been awarded Ph.D in Biochemistry by UoM for her thesis 'Aspartate protease from aspergillus species: Structure, function and stability studies' [Guide: Dr. K. Gopal Marathe].

B. Niveditha has been awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science by UoM for her thesis 'Trends in web citations in scholarly journals: A study' [Guide: Dr. Mallinath Kumbar].

Siddhartha S. Vishwam has been awarded Ph.D in Economics and Co-operation by UoM for his thesis 'An economic analysis of Souharda Co-operative Banks in Karnataka' [Guide: Dr. B.S Chandrashekara].

REALLY...?

- ***Many do not have access to clean drinking water, including the 663 million people reliant on precarious sources — with 159 million relying on surface water and 1.8 million dependent on drinking water potentially contaminated with human waste.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

I dreamt as if I was forced to eat a giant marshmallow. WHEN I WOKE UP, MY PILLOW WAS GONE !

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.29
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.97
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.95
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.54

VOICE OF THE READER

Plea to clear debris from cleaned vacant sites

Sir,

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has now started cleaning vacant sites at all localities. This is most welcome. But the cleared debris is left at a point on the site itself.

Now in a place like Dattagalli where vacant sites are more this is creating a problem. Neighbours take it upon themselves to burn the debris thus polluting the environment.

Corporation must see to it that the debris is cleared once the sites are cleaned and levy those charges on the owners.

Are we not supposed to lessen pollution? Let us remember what happens in Delhi every year.

These fumes are dangerous to people residing around. Why don't Government agencies think till the end point of work?

This seems to be done in a hurry so we brag on being the cleanest city for one and fill the coffers by charging a hefty amount on the other.

Will the MCC Commissioner please take note of this and get the debris cleared on a regular basis?

We still have to apprise the City Corporation on the cleanliness point. We want our city to be pollution-free too.

—Vinoda Ramachandra
on e-mail

Dattagalli 3rd Stage
5.4.2021

Family watches 'Yuvarathnaa' film with late son's life-size photo

Harikrishnan

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (MTY&BCT)- What can be more poignant moment than this? Parents of a boy who was a hard-core fan of 'Power Star' Puneeth Rajkumar placed their late son's photo on a theatre seat to watch the actor's latest flick 'Yuvarathnaa.' With tears rolling down their eyes, the couple watched the movie as if their son himself was enjoying every moment of the movie. The act also brought tears in the eyes of people seated near the boy's photo.

M. Muralidharan, a resident of Kuvempunagar in city, came to DRC Cinemas at B.M. Habitat Mall on Sunday along with his wife Leela and elder son Harshith. With them, they carried a life-size photo of their younger son Harikrishnan. After purchasing four tickets, they entered the cinema hall and placed Harikrishna's photo on a seat and sat through the movie.

"This was our way to pay tribute to my son who was Puneeth's ardent fan," 52-year-old Muralidharan told reporters. Harikrishnan drowned in Varuna Canal last December and a happy family was immersed in tears. "My son was eagerly waiting for the release of the movie and unfortunately he drowned on Dec. 13 when he went to the Canal to swim with his friends and his cherished dream of watching the movie was left unfulfilled. Today, we have fulfilled his wish," Muralidharan said.

Harikrishnan had downloaded the movie songs months before the movie released and was dancing to the steps and was emulating the 'Power Star' almost every day. "He wanted to see the movie and had expressed the desire of seeing it on the first show of the first day. We decided to take his photo to the movie hall and we purchased the ticket to watch the movie with his portrait by our side," Muralidharan, who works at a jewellery store in city, said.

The incident also moved other people who were seated in the front and back rows and some of them were in tears too. Learning about the incident of the parents watching the film with poster of the deceased son, actor Puneeth Rajkumar has tweeted, expressing grief over the death of Harikrishnan and the family's move to watch the movie.

"I am feeling emotional and have a heavy heart. May his soul rest in peace," Puneeth tweeted. Many fans have reacted emotionally and wished a rebirth for Harikrishnan as Appu (Puneeth) fan.

Rotary Mysore Midtown Silicon Journalism Award presentation

Sampath Kumar and Vidu. Jayalakshmi

Pragathi Gopalakrishna

Mysuru, Apr. 6- Rotary Mysore Midtown Silicon Journalism Award presentation ceremony will be held at RCL Hall, Rotary Centre on JLB Road in city on Apr. 7 at 6.30 pm.

Chief guest Rtn. R. Vasudeva Bhat, Hon. Secretary, Vijaya Vittala Education Trust, Mysuru, will confer the Rotary Mysore Midtown Silicon Journalism Award for Excellence in Journalism to *Padma Shri* awardees K.V. Sampath Kumar and Vidu. K.S. Jayalakshmi, Editor, 'Sudharma' Sanskrit Daily, Mysuru and Pragathi Gopalakrishna, Photo News Editor.

Homage to 22 Martyred Jawans

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (MK&DM)- Strongly condemning the recent Naxal attack in Chhattisgarh in which 22 CRPF Jawans were killed, members of Team Mysuru paid tributes to the martyred Jawans by lighting candles at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) on JLB Road last evening.

The members, holding portraits of the martyred Jawans, raised slogans hailing their sacrifice for the cause of the Nation. They also raised slogans against anti-national forces which are clandestinely supplying weapons to Naxals.

Team Mysuru's Gokul Govardhan, Yeshwanth, Hirannaiah, Kiran, Ramegowda, Anil Jain, Yatish, Anand, Santosh, Channabasappa, Harish and Abhinandan took part.

Obituary

Mookachanda Chondamma

Mysuru, Apr. 6- Mookachanda Chondamma (Harihara Muckatira), wife of Mohan Kumar and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar E&F Block, passed away yesterday in city. She was 71.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

Anjaparuvanda Gangavva

Madikeri: Anjaparuvanda Gangavva (86), wife of late Thimmaiah and a resident of Ibnivalavadi village in Boikeri, passed away yesterday at a hospital in Madikeri.

She leaves behind three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

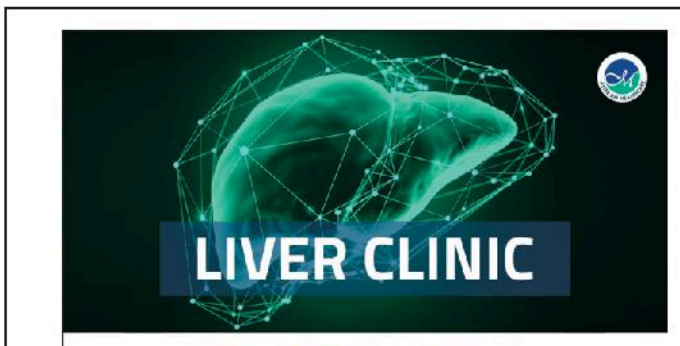
Last rites were performed at Ibnivalavadi this afternoon, according to family sources.

A.M. Mallegowda

Bannur: A.M. Mallegowda (96), proprietor of TNRTS Bus Service and Radhakrishna Rice Mill and a resident of Bannur, passed away this morning at Bengaluru.

Mallegowda leaves behind six sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held tomorrow at 10 am at Radhakrishna Rice Mill premises in Bannur.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10.30 am and 5.30 pm in the following areas: Bannimantap Power Distribution Centre: Bannimantap Feeder, LIC Office, St. Philomena's College, Deaf and Dumb School, Sayyaji Rao Road and surrounding areas of Bannimantap 'A' Layout. South Power Distribution Centre: Bandipalya, Hosahundi, Gudumadanahalli, Uthanahalli, Eligehundi, Hadajana, TM Hundi and surrounding areas of Prashanth Chaya Layout, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

University Academic Council Meeting

The Academic Council Meeting of University of Mysore (UoM) will take place at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri premises at 11.30 am tomorrow (Apr. 7). All the participants are compulsorily required to wear face mask, according to a press release from the Varsity Registrar.

Installation Ceremony

The Installation Ceremony of new team of Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, for the year 2021-2022, will be held at Harmony Glendale, opposite Mysore Airport, at 6.30 pm tomorrow. MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev will be the chief guest. Former BAI National Vice-President K. Sriram will be the Installing Officer. BAI State Chairman M. Ramesh and MBCT Managing Trustee T.N. Hemanth will be the guests of honour.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	100.25 feet
Yesterday	:	100.31 feet
Inflow	:	81 cusecs
Outflow	:	458 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,263.75 feet
Inflow	:	109 cusecs
Outflow	:	725 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.24 feet
Inflow	:	37 cusecs
Outflow	:	180 cusecs

A writer should also become society-friendly: Dr. CPK

M.B. Santosh and his wife Rekha Santosh, who were felicitated during 'M.B. Santosh Shastipoorthi Sambhrama' programme organised by M.B. Santosh Fans Association marking the 60th birthday of writer M.B. Santosh at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar on Sunday, are seen with (from left) writer Dr. Anasuya Kempanahalli, Felicitation Committee President K.P. Manjunath, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj, Sri Shivasujnana Theertha Swamiji, littérateurs and Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy and Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK), former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Parishat current President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, former President M. Chandrashekar and N.C. Mamatha.

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that a writer should also become society friendly, veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK) said that at the same time it is important to keep in mind the well-being of the society.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'M.B. Santosh Shastipoorthi Sambhrama' programme organised by M.B. Santosh Fans Association marking the 60th birthday of writer M.B. Santosh, at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar on Sunday.

Observing that the growth of good writers, poets etc., will also spur the growth of the society, Dr. CPK opined that literature is not meant only for the sake of happiness, but also for the upliftment of the society. Writer M.B. Santosh too is one among those who nurtured the growth of society through literature, he added.

Pointing out that 20 works written by Santosh was representative of many forms of literature, the veteran writer said, though Santosh is a stenographer by profession, his achievement in literature is remarkable. The autobiography on Santosh titled 'Santosh Parva' lucidly explains his life and times, he added.

Dr. CPK also lauded Santosh for engaging in a wide range of social activities.

Writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj, who delivered the felicitation address, said that it is happy to note that Santosh's fans have organised this programme marking the 60th birthday of the writer. Noting that Santosh has more than 20 works to his credit, he said that the programme is a fitting tribute to the writer for all his literary works, social service and kind heartedness.

The felicitation volume titled 'Santosh - Sampreeti' was released and M.B. Santosh and his wife Rekha Santosh were felicitated on the occasion.

Chikka Arakalgud's Sujnana Prabhu Peetha Seer Sri Shivasujnana Theertha Swamiji graced the occasion. Senior writer Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy presided.

Closure of swimming pools: Association seeks review of Government decision

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (RKB&SD)- The State Government's decision to shut down swimming pools as a prevention measure to control the spread of pandemic has not gone well with swimming pool owners and swimmers in Mysuru, who have sought the Government to review its decision.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavan yesterday morning, Karnataka Swimming Association (KSA) Executive Committee Member S. Sundaresh urged the Government to allow them to re-open swimming pools at the earliest.

"There are over 1,500 professional and public swimming pools across the State. The majority of public swimming pools in Karnataka are closed as per the latest guidelines issued by the State Government. We have been following all Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) laid down by State administration and the Centre for Diseases Control and Prevention and National Institute for Health have confirmed that COVID-19 cannot spread in properly chlorinated swimming pool water," he said.

Karnataka Swimming Association (KSA) Executive Committee Member S. Sundaresh addressing a press meet in city yesterday.

Pointing out that over 350 swimmers had recently participated in the swimming contests organised by KSA and have won many medals, Sundaresh said that not a single swimmer has tested positive for COVID-19.

"In fact, practicing swimming every day would keep everyone healthy and fit. But now the Government's decision to abruptly close all the swimming pools has brought the life of every swimming pool employee's life at stake. Hence, we urge the Government to review its decision and allow to us to function normally as early as possible," he said.

Sundaresh said that former IPS Officer and Association President Gopal B. Hosur and Secretary M. Satish Kumar met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at his residence in Bengaluru at 10.30 am yesterday and submitted a memorandum and apprised him the situation the employees of swimming pools were facing due to non functioning of swimming pools. Also, the delegation met Health Minister Dr. Sudhakar and submitted a memorandum, he said and added that the CM and the Health Minister assured of looking into the matter.

To show unity among swimmers, swimming coaches and swimming pool employees of all KSA affiliated units across the State, a memorandum was submitted to the officials concerned at 10.30 am yesterday, Sundaresh said.

Former University of Mysore (UoM) Swimming Coach and KSA Joint Secretary M.D. Nabhiraj, retired UoM Swimming Coach T. Puttaswamy, Global Sports Association President S. Shivakumar and Group 3 (below 12 years) Gold medallist S. Tanya were present at the press meet.

Beware: COVID 2nd wave is here to stay till May end

▶ Technical Advisory Committee warns Govt. ▶ PM to hold review meeting with CMs on Apr. 8

People seem to have given the go-by to COVID-19 safety norms like wearing mask and maintaining physical distance in Mysuru city last evening.

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Apr. 6 (KMS & SSV) - COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee has urged the State Government to take preventive measures strictly as COVID-19 second wave is likely to have its serious impact till May end.

In a detailed report submitted to the State Government yesterday, the Committee has urged the Government to impose a complete ban on public functions and initiate strict measures to check the crowding of people in public places. Action should be initiated against those who fail to wear face masks or maintain social distance. The places, from where more number of positive cases was pouring out, must be declared as Containment Zone to restrict movement of people. All possible steps must be taken to check the pandemic reaching rural areas, the report said.

The Panel observed that Corona positive cases were reported from multi-storey buildings, apartments, air-conditioned rooms, bus stops and commercial complexes and the Government must take tough measures in those places too.

PM's review on Apr. 8

Meanwhile, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a virtual meeting with Chief Ministers of Corona-hit States on Apr. 8 at 6.30 pm to review the situation as well as to extend all co-operation from the Union Government to check the spread of pandemic.

He said some of the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee had been implemented through various Departments. One of them has been reserving 20 percent of beds for COVID-19 patients in Private Hospitals and that had been done. Even steps had been taken to increase the number of ICU beds, he added.

Additional doses

Dr. Sudhakar said Karnataka will be getting an additional 15 lakh doses of vaccine following talks with Union Health Ministry. Of which, 10 lakh doses was for Bengaluru City and 5 lakh doses to Belagavi. This would help vaccinating more number of people. Till yesterday, 46 lakh people had received the jab. The number of Corona positive cases was less due to holidays and it was possible to bend this curve if people follow the safety protocol strictly. The biggest challenge before the Government was to check this contagion and save precious lives. Experts have warned that the number of positive cases may go up to 6,000 in Bengaluru daily if the pandemic was not brought under control, he added.

Citizens give the go-by to COVID-19 norms

Meanwhile, the pandemic is slowly spreading its tentacles across the district, thanks to negligence of citizens. The district has been recording over 100 positive cases daily. Most of the affected are youths. Instead of covering nose and mouth with the mask, citizens down it to the chin level and travel everywhere. They will lift the mask up to the nose if they come across the Cops fearing Rs.250 fine.

It was very rare to see people wearing mask in Central Business District (CBD) like K R. Circle, Devaraja Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, city and rural bus stand, markets, hotels and places of worship.

Govt. orders ban on fairs, processions and protests

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (MK&DM)- With the State Government ordering a ban on fairs, festivals, processions and protests in view of the sudden spike in COVID-19 cases, DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda said that all measures are being taken to ensure that people follow COVID appropriate behaviour in the city.

Dr. Prakash Gowda

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* he said that all Police Stations of the city are holding many programmes, including conduct of awareness campaigns, distribution of face mask etc. Also, those found not wearing mask are being penalised.

The Police will intensify the campaign in the coming days and those found violating COVID-19 norms will be booked under State Natural Disaster Management Act, he said and added that the members of the public must realise their social responsibility and strictly follow all guidelines for their own health and safety.

Pointing out that 100 Home Guards will be deployed along with the Police at all places of large public gatherings, the DCP said that banners, flexes and posters will be put up in front of cinema theatres, temples, bus stands, marriage halls etc., in order to educate the public on following Government guidelines. This apart, volunteers will also be engaged for public sensitisation, he added.

Mysuru DC sets three lakh target

Rohini Sindhuri visits Ashakirana Hospital

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has set a target of three lakh vaccination within 15 days jointly by District Administration and MAHAN (Mysore Association of Hospitals And Nursing Homes) in view of beginning of COVID-19 second wave in City and District.

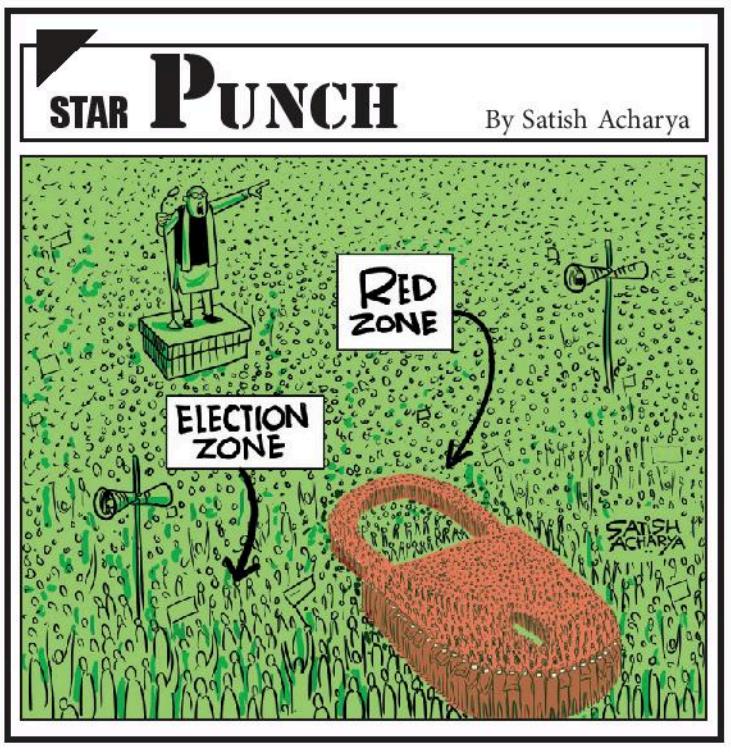
Talking to reporters after visiting Ashakirana Hospital at Hebbal here yesterday, she said MAHAN Group Private Hospitals of all 65 Wards have come forward to do vaccination free of cost. Already, over 25 Private Hospitals have agreed for it and 50 more Hospitals were expected to join this mission in next one week, she added.

The DC said the Corona positive cases have been on rise in city in last one week. The chances of contracting the contagion were less if more and more people take vaccine voluntarily. In Mysuru District, there are 8 lakh people above 45 years of age,

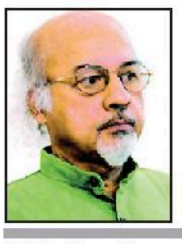
and already 2 lakh persons have been vaccinated. There are 53 vaccination booths in various Wards and some more booths will be opened to enable people to take the vaccine from their nearby centres.

It has been observed that people were crowding in markets and cinema halls. As per revised guidelines, only 50 percent of seats will be filled in cinema halls with effect from Apr. 7, the DC noted.

Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Health Officer, Mysuru City Corporation, Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO) and In-Charge of COVID-19 testing and report preparation, Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and COVID-19 Immnisation Officer in Government Hospitals, Dr. S.N. Mothi, Chairman, Asha Kirana, K.S. Gururaja, Secretary, Paramjit Singh, Treasurer and others were present.



Democracy even in times of COVID



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

We are so proud of our freedom that we don't want even COVID to interfere with it. We mix and mingle with abandon, thanks to our freedom. Figures show a spiralling of cases as the second wave of the pandemic is sweeping across the land. The situation is so serious that the Union Health Ministry has asked States to create "Containment Zones."

Delhi accuses the States of inadequate testing and failure to isolate patients. In fact, the States did not even complete the vaccination of the 45-plus age group. The failure of the authorities to reach set targets was especially notable in 46 districts. Among them was one of the country's most vulnerable areas, Bengaluru Urban. This beehive district has more than 16,000 active cases and a daily case load well above other districts. As if to underline the perils of the situation, an official said: "The virus is still very active. It penetrates our defences and strikes back just when we think we can control it. The situation is turning from bad to worse. Nobody should be complacent."

But almost everybody is complacent. That even the vaccination requirement has been ignored by many is a measure of this complacency. We will defy Government-imposed restrictions to ensure that our calendar of events is in no way interrupted. Karnataka's Chief Minister, for example, banned meetings and rallies for a fortnight. Even common area facilities such as swimming pools and party halls were closed for the same period.

But we could not forget *Holi.* After all, festivals are the heart of India and *Holi* is the most colourful of our festivals, reminding us of Radha and Krishna at their enchanting best.

So Karnataka's thoughtfully configured COVID restrictions had to yield to no-restriction philosophy of *Holi.* Photographs of crowds celebrating *Holi* in Hubballi filled our newspaper pages and television channels. In Allahabad, the celebration was so enthusiastic that entire maidans were filled with multitudes with no space for a needle to fall. It is clear that COVID cannot interfere with the beloved traditions of our country.

What this shows is that COVID is not just a health issue. It is a cultural issue and an economic issue. If COVID is given the freedom to play havoc with our calendar, markets will be affected, production centres will be disrupted, distribution systems will be thrown into confusion, transport and communication links will be in turmoil. Life will be thrown off gear. Won't Schools and Colleges close? If they do, what would be the price the young generation would have to pay? If they don't close, what would be the price the whole country would have to pay?

More important than celebrating festivals is celebrating our beloved leaders. We saw the multitudes that turned out to welcome Priyanka Gandhi on the road show in Kerala. Even more impressive was the road show Narendra Modi had in Palakkad. Our leaders encourage road shows when COVID restrictions demand the very opposite of road shows. The lesson is that in democracy public displays such as road shows are essential to keep leaders' egos well-oiled. (We don't see a Biden road show in America or a Boris Johnson phantasmagoria in London. This is because the democracy that prevails in those countries is not as solid as Indian democracy.)

Democracy is defined as a system of Government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a State, typically through elected representatives. It is the same democracy that made men like Raja Bhaiyya of Uttar Pradesh a Minister. Known as *Kunda Ka Goonda,* this elected leader saw his opponents going missing. The swimming pool in his estate was later found to have a crocodile in it and when the pool was eventually dug up, human skeletons were found in some corners. Raja Bhaiyya got elected with increasing majorities, thanks to UP's democracy. It was left to Mayawati to put him in prison for her own reasons.

The reality of our lives stares us in the face. We are opportunistic. We change our positions, not according to our conscience, but as per the convenience of the moment. We are primarily selfish. One may well ask: Isn't it human nature to be selfish? In a way, yes. It is also human nature to think of your neighbour's interests. In the name of human nature, we can be good citizens or bad citizens. Of course we always have the choice between good and bad. That is the beauty of democracy. It is, also, its curse.

Raja Marga turns Plastic Marga

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The authorities have warned that Trade Licences would be cancelled of shops if they continue to use and store the banned plastic.

When fresh stocks arrive at shops, they will be wrapped in plastic covers. After unwrapping the products to be arranged in shelves and cupboards, the plastic is thrown outside. Later, the wind causes the plastic to scatter or dogs or cows do the needful. The end result is that the plastic waste is strewn all over the road, becoming an eyesore.

Not only on 'Raja Marga' — primarily Sayyaji Rao Road — but such plastic waste dumping is a common scene on almost all commercial streets in city. The dumping looks like as if the plastic ban is being mocked at.

The MCC that always harps on improving Swachh Bharat rankings, citizen participation and similar measures has ironically ignored this plastic dumping for years. Concerned citizens have asked the MCC to at least collect the plastic waste regularly or even ask the traders to dispose of the waste responsibly.

Meanwhile, the plastic ban was officially enforced in Mysuru from Apr. 5, but the authorities did not carry out raids on shops and business establishments stockpiling banned plastic. Instead, the entire administration was busy in devising ways and means to curb the spread of COVID-19 second wave and also increasing the vaccination process. As such, the plastic ban did not receive the deserved attention.

But teams of officers were spotted on D. Devaraj Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Ashoka Road, Santhepet, Shivarampet and surrounding areas creating awareness on the plastic ban. They asked the traders to shun single-use plastic and encourage even their customers to use cloth bags instead.

The officers told traders that the MCC was preparing guidelines on using plastic and what plastic would come under the ban. Action would be taken on the traders who encourage customers to take away products in plastic bags. Also, stockists and manufacturers would be severely dealt with if rules are violated.

There are still many warehouses in Mysuru that have tonnes of single-use plastics. "We have gathered information on such stocks. We will give a chance to the traders and stockists to voluntarily surrender the banned plastic in the prescribed time limit. Or else action would be taken against them including cancellation of Trade Licence," officers warned.

House burgled: Cash, gold jewellery looted

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (MK&KS)- Miscreants, who gained entry into a locked house in Metagalli Police limits, have decamped with cash and gold jewellery from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of software engineer D. Raghavendra at Chamundeshwari Layout near Shadanahalli.

On April 2, Raghavendra and his family members had gone out of station and when they returned on April 3 night, the burglary came to light. Miscreants had decamped with 175 grams gold jewellery and Rs. 80,000 cash.

Metagalli Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Man dies at hospital

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (YDS&KS)- A 50-year-old man, who was found lying sick near Vontikoppal Temple and admitted to K.R. Hospital by the public, has breathed his last at the hospital on Saturday night.

The deceased has been identified as Nagaraj of Baachahalli in K.R. Nagar taluk. V.V. Puram Police have registered a case.

KSRTC strike from tomorrow

No work no pay, Govt. warns staff

Mysuru, Apr.6 (MTY & DM)- With the Government rejecting the demands of KSRTC employees who have sought implementation of the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission among others, the Employee Unions of all the four State-run Transport Corporations — KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC and NEKRTC — will go on an indefinite strike from tomorrow (Apr. 7).

A view of City Bus Stand this morning.

Meanwhile, State Government has warned striking KSRTC employees of 'No work no pay.'

With Transport Unions calling for an indefinite strike, KSRTC bus services will be badly affected from tomorrow. However, the Government said it has planned an alternative transport mechanism across the State to ensure that commuters are not inconvenienced by the strike.

In Mysuru, Union leaders said that with the Government refusing to concede their demands, they will go on strike which was planned well in advance and the Government too served a notice in this regard. Pointing out that the workers will resort to 'Non co-operation movement' by absenting from work tomorrow, they maintained that they will not hold any processions, dharna or protests.

Even as the employees said that the strike will be from tomorrow, 20 percent of bus operations were hit today at both KSRTC Sub-Urban and City Bus Stands, as some of the staff stayed away from work today itself.

KSRTC Mysuru Rural DC K.H. Srinivas told *Star of Mysore* that following directions from the Government, the officials are holding talks with drivers and conductors for convincing them against joining the strike. Admitting that 20 percent of rural operations were hit today, he said that there will be severe disruption in bus services from tomorrow if they stick on to strike.

Chief Secretary Meets CM

Meanwhile, State Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and held talks with him in this regard for about an hour this morning.

Later, speaking to presspersons, Ravikumar said the employees cannot take out protests in the wake of COVID-19 crisis. Categorically ruling out the demand for implementation of the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission, he said that, however, the Government was considering an eight percent salary hike for employees. But this cannot be implemented right now due to the Model Code of Conduct in place, he said.

Asserting that a private transport system will be put in place from tomorrow if the strike is launched, he warned that severe action will be taken if the employees resort to any acts that cause damage to Government properties. He said that the Government is also planning to invoke Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) against striking employees.

Maintaining that there was no question of holding talks with leaders of Transport Unions, Ravikumar said that the Government is fully prepared to take on the strike, by engaging private bus operators, maxi cabs, mini buses and other transport vehicles.

The fares for private operators will be fixed by the Government to ensure that there is no fleecing of passengers, he added.

Ravikumar further said that the Railways has been appealed to operate special trains in view of the festival season and a string of public holidays. He cautioned that the Government was committed to take stern action against absenting employees by invoking ESMA and NDMA Acts.

Man who burnt seven family members in Kodagu found dead

Paniyeravara Boja

Ponnampet, Apr. 6 (BCT)- The prime accused who caused the death of seven persons after he set his son's house on fire in South Kodagu on Apr. 3 was found dead this morning inside a coffee estate. It is suspected that has committed suicide.

Seven persons including four children were burnt to death in the incident that occurred at Mugutugeri village near Ponnampet in South Kodagu where a group of estate labourers were staying in the line house. On the night of Apr. 2, accused Paniyeravara Boja had set the house on fire when 10 of his family members including his wife Paniyeravara Baby were sleeping.

In a drunken stupor, Boja locked the house door from outside and climbed onto the tiled roof of the house using a wooden ladder with cans of petrol. He lifted a couple of tiles and poured petrol on the sleeping family members. While three persons died on the spot, three breathed their last at K.R. Hospital in Mysuru. The victims included four children aged below 10.

As the news of Boja's body being discovered spread, the news of one more person – 28-year-old Bhagya – at K.R. Hospital came, taking the toll to seven. Bhagya's two children had died in the fire. Her husband Thola is now left with no family. Boja, a drunkard, had a long-standing dispute with his wife Baby and unable to bear his torture and beatings, Baby decided to leave his house and stay at her son Manju's house at Mugutugeri.

On the night of April 2, Boja decided to kill Baby and in the process, he eliminated most of his own family members. After the dastardly act, Boja called up his daughter and said that he has been calling his wife since the last three weeks but she did not return home despite many requests. In the call, he was heard telling his daughter that he had burnt down the house with petrol and asked his daughter to see her mother's plight.

Ponnampet Police have retrieved the body and have sent it for post-mortem. As Boja was absconding, the Police had issued "Most Wanted" notice against him. Incidentally, Boja's dead body was found metres away from the house that he had burnt down. Police suspect that he killed himself fearing law.

Free Jab at Private Hospitals

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The Government of India does not permit free vaccination at Private sites but as Health Sub-Centres in the district were not well-equipped to host vaccination centres, Private Hospitals are 'temporarily' declared as Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHC) and allowed to vaccinate people free of cost.

256 vaccination booths

Dr. Ravi said, with 29 additional booths, the total number of vaccination centres in the district will go up to 256. In Mysuru, there are 29 Private Centres and 30 Government Centres. Of the total 8.5 lakh beneficiaries above 45 years of age, already 2.5 lakh persons have been vaccinated since April 1.

Five State elections: Average 32 percent polling till 1 pm

New Delhi, Apr. 6 (UNI&Agencies)- Over 20 crore people from Assam, West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry are voting in a mammoth electoral exercise today. For the latter three, this is the first and only phase of polling. It is Assam's third and final, while Bengal has five more. The results of all five elections will be declared on May 2.

A farmer holds up an inked finger after casting vote in the third phase of polling for Assam Assembly Elections at Jalukbari Constituency in Kamrup this morning.

In Bengal, 31 seats are going to the polls in this phase. All 234 seats in Tamil Nadu — where the AIADMK and DMK traditionally reign supreme — vote in a single phase today. Amid elaborate security arrangements, the third phase of polling in West Bengal recorded a turnout of more than 35 per cent till 1 pm.

About 26.29 per cent of the total 6.29 crore voters have cast their ballots till noon in Tamil Nadu as the single phase polling in one of the most fiercely contested Assembly elections apart from the by-poll to the Kanyakumari Lok Sabha seat, progressed peacefully. Tamil Nadu Chief Electoral Officer Satyabrata Sahoo told reporters that 26.29 per cent of votes were recorded in the first five hours

The 140 seats of neighbouring Kerala also vote in a single phase today. According to the approximate voter turnout trends of the Election Commission, Kerala recorded 31.60 percent voter turnout by 12.15 pm.

In Assam, the final phase sees 40 seats in play, with the ruling BJP targeting a second term. Till noon, 30 percent of the people have exercised their franchise.

Voters in Puducherry began voting to elect new Government. Puducherry averaged 35.64 percent polling as of 12.30 pm.

The surprise packages in Tamil Nadu are Kamal Haasan's MNM — which is contesting 142 seats, with 85 divided between handfuls of allies — and the AMMK of TTV Dhinakaran, who is the nephew of expelled AIADMK chief V.K. Sasikala. The AMMK is contesting 165 and leave 60 to the DMDK, with the rest going to smaller allies.

Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami is fighting from Edappadi, Deputy Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam from Bodinayakanur and DMK Chief M.K. Stalin from Kolathur. AMMK chief TTV Dhinakaran is on the ballot in Kovilpatti and Kamal Haasan from Coimbatore (South).

Free vaccination for scribes at Gopala Gowda Hospital

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (RKB&SSV)- A free COVID-19 vaccination camp was held for members of Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital in Nazarbad this morning.

The camp was jointly organised by MDJA, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), District Administration and MAHAN. As many as 35 journalists had taken the jab by 1 pm.

Dr. H.V. Santhrupth, General Surgeon, Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital, launched the camp by vaccinating a scribe.

Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Health Officer, MCC, S.T. Ravikumar, President, MDJA and Subramanya, Secretary, MDJA, R. Raju, Assistant Director, Department of Information and Public Relations, and others were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nagaraj said that journalists were functioning like frontline workers since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 risking their lives. It was happy to note that a large number of scribes turned up this morning to take the jab.

IOA working with AIIMS

to vaccinate Olympic-bound Athletes

New Delhi, Apr. 6- Concerned at the increasing number of athletes contracting COVID-19 at top training centres, the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has asked the authorities to expedite the process to get the Olympic-bound athletes get vaccinated soon at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi.

Thirty sports persons and support staff across disciplines returned positive after 741 precautionary tests were conducted at the National Centres of Excellence in Patiala and Bengaluru on Wednesday last.

Even though the positive results in both the centres do not include any Tokyo Olympic-bound athlete, the IOA does not want to take chances as they are training at the same facilities.

"We are concerned at the athletes testing positive for COVID-19 though all the Olympic-bound athletes are safe. But we have to vaccinate them as soon as possible. We have written twice to Health Ministry in this regard but no headway till now," IOA Secretary General Rajeev Mehta told.

Japan Swimmer wins Olympic Relay spot after leukaemia

Rikako Ikee

Tokyo, Apr. 6- Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee said she "didn't know what had just happened" after qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics medley relay on Sunday, just two years after being diagnosed with leukaemia.

Ikee, who only resumed training in March last year after being hospitalised for around 10 months, won the 100-metre butterfly race at Japan's Olympic trials in Tokyo in a time of 57.77 seconds. That was not enough to earn her an individual spot at the Coronavirus-delayed Tokyo Games, but it did make her eligible for Japan's relay team, capping an incredible comeback for the 20-year-old.

Ikee had downplayed her chances of appearing at the Tokyo Games after resuming racing in August last year, claiming she was focused on Paris in 2024 instead. But she reached her goal ahead of schedule, admitting after the race that she "thought it would be much later that I would be able to start winning."

"I felt I was swimming pretty well in my first qualifying race yesterday, but then in the semi-finals I had the tiredness of swimming in a second race," she said.

"I could hardly move in the second half of the semifinal. Today was just a one-off, so I wasn't so worried about that."

Ikee missed a place in the Olympic 100-metre butterfly competition after failing to meet the 57.10-second qualifying time.

But she will have other chances to clinch an individual spot this week at the Japanese trials, and is set to appear in the 50m and 100m freestyle.

Ikee was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the 2018 Asian Games after claiming six golds and two silvers.

She won the 50m butterfly at the Tokyo Open in February to claim her first victory since she started her comeback.

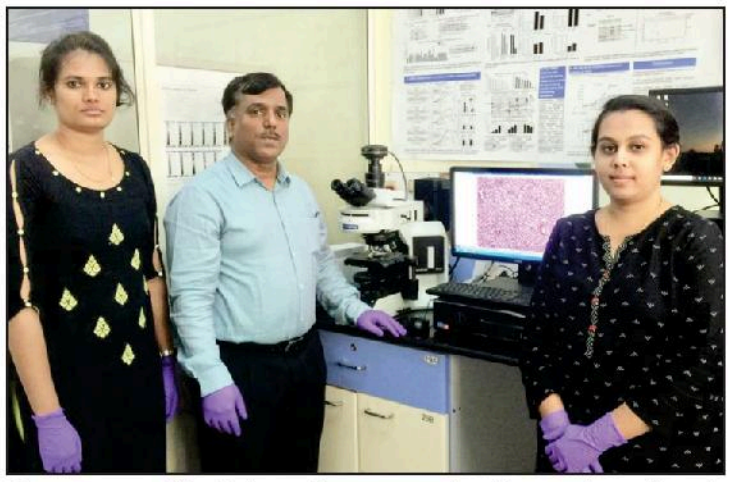
Ashwagandha compound can cure liver cancer

Research study at JSS Medical College reveals benefits of Ayurvedic plant

Mysuru, Apr. 6- A new and recent research study conducted by scientists from JSS Medical College in city shows that 'Withaferin A', a natural compound from Ayurvedic plant 'Ashwagandha' (Botanical name Withania Somnifera) has potential anti-cancer effects against aggressive Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC), a type of common liver cancer.

The study has explored the molecular mechanism behind anti-cancer effects of 'Withaferin A' by activating cellular nuclear receptor LXR-α and elucidated its therapeutic importance to treat HCC. This study has been recently published in the peer review journal 'Frontiers in Oncology (Impact factor: 4848)'.

Due to changed lifestyle, prevalence of Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) and associated Hepatocellular Carcinoma is rapidly increasing. According to reports from Zydus India, over 400 million Indians are suffering from fatty liver. There are one or two drugs available in the market to treat NAFLD and HCC. This study has major importance for pharmaceutical industries and clinical research.



Dr. Prasanna Santhekadur, Associate Professor and Ramalingaswami, Fellow at Department of Biochemistry, JSS Medical College and his Ph.D students D.S. Varsha and G.S. Nirmala, in collaboration with Dr. Divya P. Kumar, JSS Medical College and Dr. Farid Mirshahi from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, USA conducted this study.

This drug acts in a similar fashion like Saroglitazar, an approved drug for NAFLD. While Saroglitazar acts on PPARα/γ, 'Withaferin A' acts on another nuclear receptor called LXR-α.

'Ashwagandha' is one of the most important plants used in Ayurveda. 'Ashwagandha' is a Sanskrit term meaning smell of the horse sweat — because of unique smell of the plant and the ability of yielding juice which increases strength like horsepower. This plant has been used for over more than 3,000 years to relieve various ailments including stress, to increase energy levels and stamina and to improve concentration.

Dr. Prasanna Santhekadur has been working on this plant for over 17 years. He had explored the potential and many dimensional anti-cancer activities of this compound on different cancer cells. This study is supported by Ramalingaswami Fellowship, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.

These findings were also presented in Indian Association for Cancer Research conference, which was held in Thiruvananthapuram last year.

Elderly women felicitated

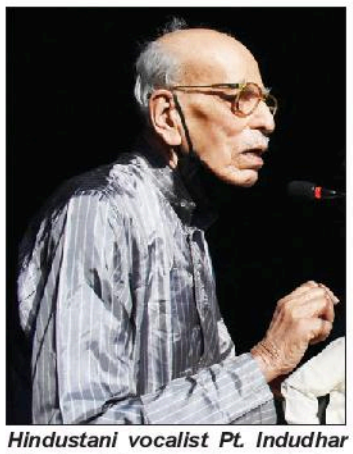
Senior citizens Kamala Shankar and Nagarathna Basappa were felicitated at a programme organised by Tarangini Mahila Balaga, Siddarthanagar, as part of Women's Day celebrations and Kadali monthly programme recently. Kadali President Sharada Shivalingaswamy, Basava Balaga President Puttanna, Tarangini Balaga office-bearers Mangala Nagappa, Uma Basavaraju, Akkamahadevi Shivappa, Katyayini Shankarappa, Padma Niranjan, Nagalambike Mohan Shankar and others were present.

Violin, flute maestros perform for charity

Violin maestro Dr. Mysore Manjunath and flautist Pt. Pravin Godkhindi presenting Jugalbandi at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar on Sunday as part of the fund-raising effort of Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe. They are accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Kiran Godkhindi on tabla.

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (MK&SD)- As part of its fund-raising effort, Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe, which runs Nrupatunga Kannada School and College in city, had organised 'Nadasaurabha,' a Jugalbandi by violin maestro Dr. Mysore Manjunath and flautist Pt. Pravin Godkhindi at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar on Sunday.

Earlier, addressing the gathering as the chief guest on the occasion, Hindustani vocalist Pt. Indudhar Nirody lauded Kannada Vikasa Samsthe for espousing the cause of Kannada. "All of you have purchased the tickets for this programme, thereby helping the poor students for their education. It would certainly help this Kannada medium school to grow and provide better education for students. I myself had forgotten Kannada after moving to Mumbai, but later, after coming to Mysuru, I started to learn it again. Mysuru is my *karmabhumi.* I will remember this town forever," he said.



Hindustani vocalist Pt. Indudhar Nirody addressing the gathering. Picture alongside shows former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa among the audience.

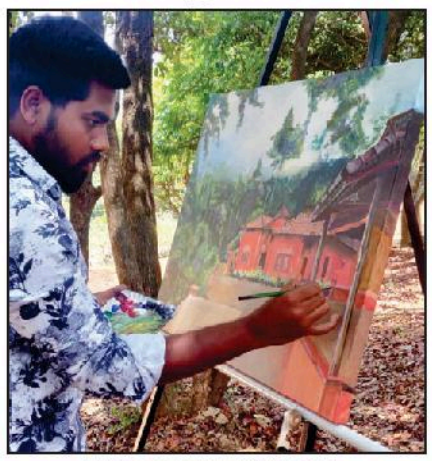
Kannada Vikasa Samsthe President P. Mallesh, who too spoke, said: "Music has the ability to soothe our minds and significantly increase self-confidence and self-esteem. In Nrupatunga College, we are teaching science subjects to PU students in Kannada. We need encouragement and support from people to continue this noble endeavour."

Later, Jugalbandi by violin maestro Dr. Mysore Manjunath and flautist Pt. Pravin Godkhindi enthralled the audience. They were accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Kiran Godkhindi (elder brother of Pt. Pravin Godkhindi) on tabla.

Former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, University of Mysore Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner D.B. Natesh, Samsthe office-bearers S.R. Sudarshan, H.G. Krishnappa, Nagachandra and others were present.

Kodagu on Canvas: 3-day art camp held

Artists attending the three-day art camp amidst nature.



Praveen Kumar (Mysuru)

S. Madhusudan (Chamarajanagar)

Madikeri, Apr. 6- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Kodagu Kendra, in association with Karnataka Lalitha Kala Academy, had organised a three-day art camp in city which concluded on Sunday. The camp provided a platform to both professional and upcoming artists to depict the beautiful city of Kodagu on canvas through watercolour painting.

Artists S. Madhusudan (Chamarajanagar), Santosh Mala (Udupi), Priyadarshini Shahapur (Bagalkot), Krishnaveni (Ballari), Boraiah (Davanagere), Vansanthkumar (Hassan), Dr. Appa Saheb Ganigera (Bengaluru), Arathi (Vijayapura) and Praveen Kumar (Mysuru) participated in the three-day art camp.

Dr. Appa Saheb Ganigera (Bengaluru)

Speaking on the occasion, art camp organiser, a member of BVB Bengaluru, Bharatanatyam dancer Nagalakshmi Rao said, "Most of the artists were facing financial crisis due to the pandemic and lockdown. We didn't want COVID blues to dampen their spirits. Hence, BVB Kodagu Kendra in association with Karnataka Lalitha Kala Academy, had organised this three-day art camp. The scenic landscape of Kodagu as well as portraits of Kodavas have been wonderfully sketched in watercolours on canvas. Our intent was to provide a platform for these artists to present their narratives. This would certainly inspire more and more artists to come and visit Kodagu in the coming days."

BVB Kodagu Kendra Gen. Secretary Balaji Kashyap stated that they were very happy to organise such a programme after a gap of many years in Kodagu. "Due to the pandemic, we had to take all necessary precautions. During the three-day art camp, we took the artists to different parts of the city. Special thanks to Kodagu artist Imanda Roopesh Nanaiah who was also the Convenor of this camp for helping us and successfully organising this event."

WORD OF THE DAY

Palmary

Pronunciation: pal-muh-ree, pahl-, pah-muh-.

Meaning: Having or deserving to have the palm of victory or success; praiseworthy.
Origin: The adjective palmary, "deserving the palm of victory; praiseworthy," comes from the Latin adjective and noun palmārius. As an adjective, palmārius means "pertaining to palm trees"; as a neuter noun, palmārium means "masterpiece, masterstroke," and somewhat less nobly, "the fee for an advocate who wins his case." Palmārius is a derivative of the noun palma "palm (of the hand); the width of a palm (as a measurement); palm tree (so called from the shape of its leaves); a palm branch awarded to the winner in a contest, first place." Palmary entered English in the mid-17th century.
Example: One of Mr. Seitz's gifts is his culinary vision, and his successes are palmary. — M. H. Reed, "Unhurried Culinary Vision In Brewster," New York Times, August 29, 1993.

THE ODD WORD

Padronism

System of obtaining labour through employment agents.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Paint the town red

Meaning: Going out by yourself or with friends, usually to some recreational place in the city, in order to have an enjoyable time.

Origin: Some say it might stem from an old tale about Henry Beresford. He was the 3rd Marquess of Waterford who lived from 1811 to 1859. Let's take a look at this story that is told about him:
In 1837, Henry Beresford and his friends are said to have been on their way to the town of Melton Mowbray. Along the way, they arrived at a tollbooth (it should be mentioned that they were intoxicated at this time). The toll-man wanted to be paid, but instead of complying, Henry and his posse decided to cause a ruckus. They stole some nearby buckets of red paint, including the brushes, and then they began painting the tollbooth red. Afterwards, they took the paint buckets and went away into town. Their vandalising session continued as they painted several doors they passed by red. They also caused other kinds of damage until eventually, the police stopped them. That's the gist of the story. Some people might think that the saying 'paint the town red' comes from the story mentioned above since he did paint things red. However, this incident took place in 1837, and the earliest the idiom appears in print is 45 years later, in 1882 from *The Brulington Daily Hawk-Eye* newspaper: "That the cow ordinance is going to paint the town red before it ceases to protest and make trouble."

QUOTE BOX

If you could say it in words, there would be no reason to paint.

— Edward Hopper

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SISTEPDE

Answer: Step inside.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Capable
4 Naval air station, acronym
7 Make an attempt
10 Superpower nation
11 A word meaning 'against'
13 Top-notch (1,3)
14 Discoverer of X-rays
16 Tehran's locale
17 Guru Dutt's 1954 production (3,4)
19 Denoting, depicting or suggesting
21 Atomic mass unit, acronym
24 Chef
25 Goads or teases
27 Caper or escapade
29 Vacuum tube
30 One may be much exercised to maintain it!
33 Swerve or change direction
34 Prefix meaning "nature"
35 Lack of fat
38 Artist's studio
39 Masticate
42 Seaport on W Kyushu
46 Twofold
47 Hebrew measure
48 "Little" abbr.
49 Soak in water
50 Instrument Landing Sys.
51 Altar affirmation (1,2)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	S	H			I	F	R		W	O	E	S
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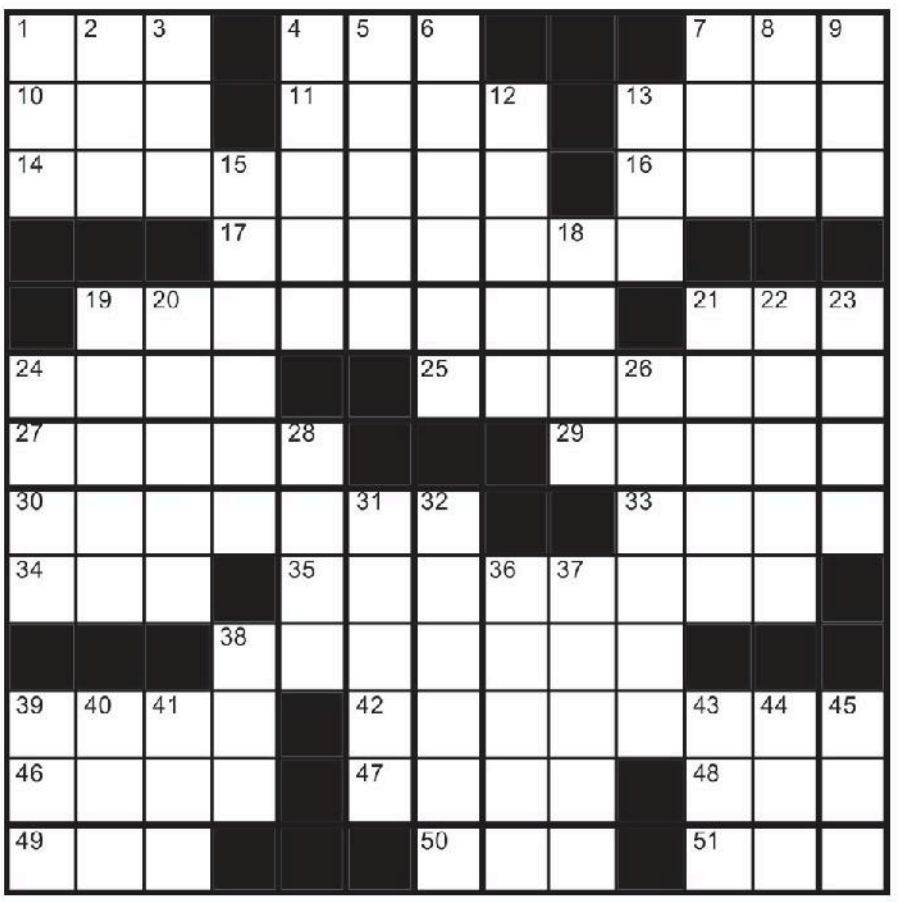
DOWN

1 Wear it to keep warm
2 Prefix meaning equal
3 Menlo Park initials
4 Pertaining to birth
5 Resentful, irate or furious
6 Enter or intervene (4,2)
7 Rocky eminence
8 Genetic initials
9 Itch or desire
12 Fatuous
13 "A" in IAF?
15 Serviette
18 Grew old or matured
19 Classical Greek style
20 Something often said
21 Purgative drug - "so ale" anagram
22 Inhabitants of ancient Media?
23 Employer or exploiter
24 Bistro - "face" change?
26 They go in head first
28 Man of Irish or Welsh origin
31 First monkey's advice : __ __ evil (3,2)
32 Italian sausage
36 "Gel in" anagram for a man's name?
37 Gets closer
38 Pointed tool
39 Commander, in short ?
40 ___ and cry : a large outcry?
41 Dine
43 Ex-India all-rounder Abid ___
44 Baby goat
45 Intl. Labour Org.



SUDOKO

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		1				9		
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		4					5	
9					6		8	4
	7	8			3			2

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	1	2	5	6	9	8	4
5	6	4	8	7	9	3	1	2
2	8	9	1	3	4	5	7	6
3	5	7	4	6	8	2	9	1
9	2	6	3	1	7	4	5	8
1	4	8	5	9	2	7	6	3
6	7	2	9	4	1	8	3	5
8	9	3	6	2	5	1	4	7
4	1	5	7	8	3	6	2	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VS DMC OMH'F LHMU UAQIQ DMC PIQ XMVHX, DMC

UVNN RIMJPJND QHO CR WMGQUAQIQ QNWQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Things are more like they are now than they ever were before.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Yuvarathnaa (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Pogaru (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Roohi (H)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Wild Dog (Te)	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Gajendrudu (Te)	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Rang De (Te)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Sulthan (Ta)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	11.05 am, 7.35 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm, 4.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 6.50 pm
Legacy of Lies (E)	(S-2)	11.10 am
Roberrt (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Flight (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Biriyaani (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 4 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Nomadland (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-3)	1.25 pm; (S-4) 4.05 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.30 pm
		5.15 pm, 9 pm
	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-4)	10 am, 12.45 pm, 7 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-3)	5.45 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 2 pm, 9.30 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-2)	1.30 am, 4.30 pm, 8 pm
	(S-3)	6 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
	(S-4)	11 am, 4.40 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.35 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	7.45 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-3)	11 am, 1.20 pm, 3.40 pm

PVR

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 9.10 am, 10.30 am, 11 am, 11.30 am 2 pm, 2.30 pm, 3 pm, 5.30 pm, 6 pm 6.30 pm, 9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Roberrt (K)	: 2.45 pm
Koi Jaane Na (H)	: 12.30 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm
Anugraheethan Antony (Ma)	: 9.50 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	: 11.20 am, 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	: 3.40 pm, 10 pm
Nomadland (E)	: 6.40 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 10.45 am, 11.30 am, 2.15 pm, 3 pm, 3.15 pm 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm, 9.45 pm, 10 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	: 3.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	: 6.50 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	: 12.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	: 11.35 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

An educative Lec-Dem on Raga-Tana-Pallavi

Vidu. Dr. R.N. Sreelatha presenting a lec-dem at Surabhi Ganakala Mandira on March 21. She is accompanied by Vid. Prof. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vidu. Dr. Veena Suresh on violin.

Surabhi Ganakala Mandira, Mysuru, had organised a lecture demonstration on Raga - Tana - Pallavi on 21st March, 2021 under its quarterly cultural programme. The programme was carried out ably by the resource person, **Vidu. Dr. R.N. Sreelatha,** senior musicologist and retired Principal of College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore (UoM).

Raga-Tana-Pallavi — believed to be the finest form of manodharma sangeetha in Karnatak music and is a testimony to a musician's accomplishment, scholarship and talent — is one of the final lessons taught in the learning process. Dr. Sreelatha explained the classical methods of presenting the art.

She commenced her lec-dem with the analysis of the word Pallavi and dealt upon the aspects, such as origin of Pallavi-singing, its characteristics and method of creation, importance of eduppu and aarudhi and the rules governing Pallavi rendering. She then narrated the various formats — anuloma, viloma, prathiloma etc. — by singing a Pallavi in each style.

The variants such as Ratte Pallavi, Swarakshara Pallavi, Ragamalika Pallavi, Dvinade Pallavi etc. were explained with live examples. Finally Dr. Sreelatha extensively illustrated the approach to render Raga-Tana-Pallavi by singing a pallavi in Kalyani raga set to chaturashra triputa tala.

Undoubtedly, this educative session was successful in its purpose. The audience, consisting of music students also got their doubts clarified to their satisfaction. The support on violin by **Vidu. Dr. Veena Suresh,** and the contribution of **Vid. Prof. G.S. Ramanujan** on mridanga was worth mentioning.

—Vijayamala K. Saralaya

Music workshop on April 15, 16

Vid. Kunnakudi M. Balamurali Krishna

Mysuru, Apr. 6- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, is organising a two-day workshop on Karnatak Vocal Music on April 15 and 16 by eminent vocalist, **Vid. Kunnakudi M. Balamurali Krishna** at Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira, Chandramouleeshwara Temple premises, V.V. Mohalla.

Kunnakudi M. Balamurali Krishna is one of the outstanding vocalists among the young musicians and his concerts are known for energetic, innovative and artistic renditions. His sound basics on laya and music are attributed to his training under legendary gurus, Vid. Karaikudi R. Mani on mridanga and Vid. P. S. Narayanaswamy on vocal music.

Vid Balamurali Krishna will teach rare compositions of Thyagaraja, Muthuswamy Dikshitar, Shyama Shastry, Swathi Tirunal, Papanasam Shivan and javalis in the workshop.

Interested musicians / music students, with age no bar, may make use of the opportunity. For details and registration, contact Sabha Trustee on Mob: 94484-86582.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 6)

- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom and Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka:** Handloom Fair, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 7)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Handloom Fair, Urban Haat premises, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club, Mysuru:** Talk on Fire Rainbow by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **5.30 pm.**
- **Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** Installation Ceremony of the new team for the year 2021-2022, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev chief guest, former BAI National Vice-President K. Sriram Installing Officer, BAI State Chairman M. Ramesh and MBCT Managing Trustee T. N. Hemanth guests ofhonour, Harmony Glendale, opposite Mysore Airport, **6.30 pm.**

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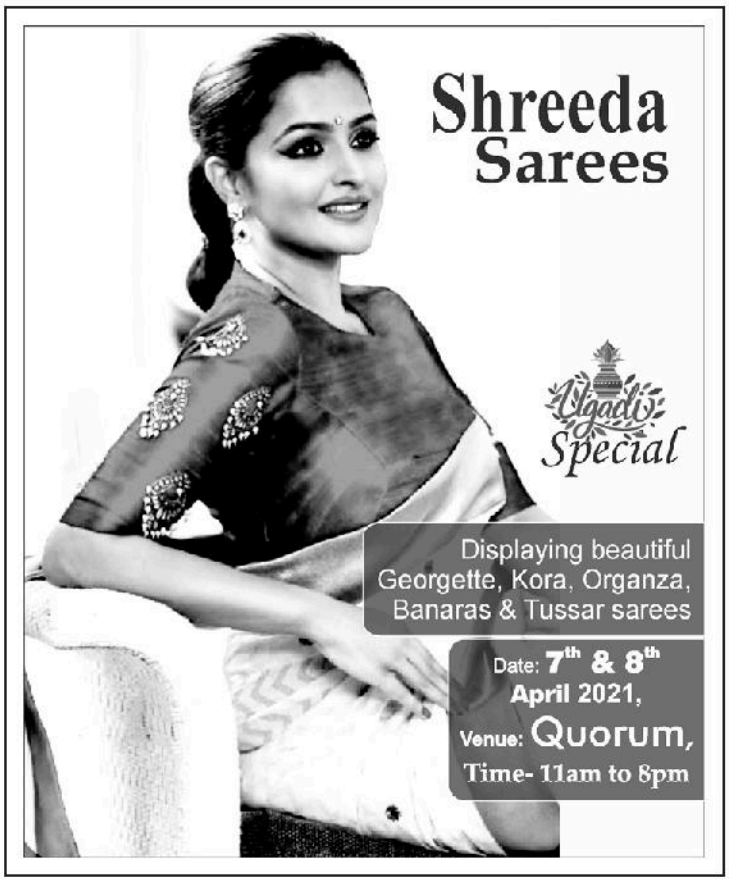
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